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farm losses have run into millions of leks. Some 600 goats perished, 2,000 workdays were lost, and other losses occurred as a result of this lack of respect for socialist property.

The conference also discussed the activity of party organizations in agricultural cooperatives. Zoro Mara, speaking on work accomplished in the Drashovice cooperatives, said that little effort had been made to organize operations in these cooperatives and that agricultural techniques had not been understood; as a result, production was unsatisfactory.

Discussing problems of the Selenice mines, Kristo Papaiani observed that there had been some improvement in production lately and that in certain spots where Communists had worked self-sacrificingly satisfactory results had been obtained in plan fulfillment. Nevertheless, he said, there is much to be desired in overcoming weaknesses arising from the fact that manpower is not fully utilized; this is one of the most important factors in the failure to fulfill the plan on schedule. He criticized negligence in accomplishing effective political work among seasonal workers in these mines, where workers often stop working whenever they wish. These adverse conditions were also brought about by the fact that workers' living conditions have not been too good.

The primary party organization in the "Perlat Rexhepi" area, as well as the motor park, was criticized for not having paid careful attention to problems related to the plan, discipline, conservation of state property and other problems.

Sabaudin Mustafaraj sharply criticized Mehmet Chani, secretary of the "Rexhepi" organization, for his arbitrary actions in the organization and in the Bureau, as well as for not strengthening work in the primary party organization and in mobilizing workers to execute duties required by the state plan.

Vangjel Nini was criticized and condemned for his general attitude and for being contented with mere statistical figures in showing how close he came to plan fulfillment. Nini had concealed his shortcomings and had not evidenced any self-criticism; he had not discovered the inefficient methods existing in the motor park, where revolutionary vigilance has been lacking. He was criticized also for not showing the damage to state property caused by mishandling of materials and for stifling criticism arising in the party organization, of which he is director. Elham Abeni said that in the organization's meetings many members did not dare to criticize Nini, because he would never accept criticism but would answer, "The ministry knows all about me and my work." His arrogance obliged many workers to say nothing from being transferred. Thus, no one had the courage to comment on any misdeeds.

The Rreth Party Committee report sharply criticized the quality of work turned out, as well as the bureaucratic system that had developed in the Executive Committee of Vlore Rreth. The poor work seemed to reflect on matters of the economy. The conference took special interest in discussions revealing such mistakes and misdeeds.

Beqir Isuf, an official of the Rreth Executive Committee, stated that the committee's mistakes and weak points resulted directly from poor leadership. He charged the officials with bureaucracy and slackness in examining general and specific economic problems. He said that a lack of authoritative control was characteristic of this area. He also maintained that nothing concrete was ever done to solve current problems, despite all the resolutions adopted during meetings.

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Several members of the conference rightly criticized Isuf for not disclosing the failings and weak points stemming directly from more important mistakes existing in the agriculture section, headed by Hassan Mucho. In the connection, abuses committed in the cattle administration were mentioned at the conference.

The conference analyzed and criticized other mistakes committed in this sector, where, because of negligence and lack of proper leadership, grave problems have confronted the authorities, reflecting on primary party organizations. Because of the bureaucratic issuance of contradictory orders by the authorities, over 1,000 applications submitted by farmers went unheeded and their problems remained unsolved, creating considerable discontent and confusion.

The conference observed that the Rreth Executive Committee had been aware of these mistakes for some time, but neither the committee nor Isuf, responsible for this sector's work, took the trouble to eliminate the weaknesses and defects of the agriculture section. This is proved by the fact that for the past 1½ years the problems concerning the agriculture section were not examined at all, while other sectors with fewer problems to solve such as those dealing with communal work, received greater attention.

Delegates to the conference examined the unsatisfactory work of other officials, starting with Selim Alimerko, chief of the Rreth Executive Committee.

The conference proved that all mistakes reflected in the handling of economic problems in the party organization, from the primary party organization upward, have their origin in the vague liberalism which has existed in the Bureau of the Party Committee, which has failed to develop the habit of criticism and self-criticism and has not allowed these habits to be developed in the other primary party organizations as mentioned above. It is chiefly for these reasons that the Bureau of the Party Committee has departed from true Bolshevik methods and has succumbed to the system of bureaucracy. No other explanation could be given for the Bureau's negligent attitude toward shortcomings of those in authority. Although four of its members hold key positions in the Rreth Executive Committee, they rarely were required to account for their unsatisfactory work. An even greater responsibility than the collective responsibility of the Bureau rests in its first secretary, Ymer Veshi, for not having fostered the fighting party spirit in the Bureau.

The secretary of the Party Committee for the Selenice mines, Sinan Hasan, justly criticized the Bureau of the Party Committee, which for a long time had shown little interest in party work in the mines, maintaining that Kosmo Dhimitri, section chief of the Rreth Party Committee, had volunteered only once to help prepare the political plan. On even this one occasion he seemed more to be obeying an order than volunteering to help. A similar criticism was leveled at Niko Dur for having shown little interest in advancing professional organization in the mines.

During the elections for new party organs, the improper attitude of a few Communists in evaluating personnel, was revealed. They had shown themselves to be quite partial in choosing personnel by creating a line of division between individuals with the advantage of experience in the struggle and the new worker members of the party. This procedure is erroneous, as is revealed by the following statement of Rita Marko: "While cadres with the advantage of experience in the struggle are more reliable, the recent party members are not to be discriminated against, for they are the new blood of the party."

The Third Party Conference of Vlore Rreth, aided considerably by the resolutions of the Political Bureau, demonstrated the ability to analyze the year's work well and to learn lessons which will be of much assistance in the future. The conference proved that the party organization has good intentions and great confidence in the party leadership.

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It should be pointed out that during the progress of the conference there was a noticeable lack of a strong sense of discipline. This fact was given considerable attention by the delegates, who strongly reminded the assembly that discipline is one of the strongholds of the party, without which it could not advance.

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